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## MEXICO'S LAST PLAGUE.

Millions of Locusts Devouring Every Living Thing

In Yucatan and Southern Mexico—Thousands of Poor Families Who Will Have to be Fed and Sustained by the Government.

VERA CRUZ, Mex., Aug. 12.—Locusts have invaded the country all about Amatlan, State of Vera Cruz. Between twenty and twenty-five fowls of them have been killed, but the number seems constantly increasing. At Comalcoatl, in the jurisdiction of the Espinal, farmers have experienced very heavy losses to their growing crops from these pests, and have used all efforts to destroy them. The municipal authorities, as a last resource, have imposed upon each resident in the town limits, as a task, the representation of one arroba (twenty-five pounds), of dead locusts. The result has been quite satisfactory thus far. About ninety arrobas of locusts have been brought in already. From Yucatan it is reported that locusts have penetrated as far as Mexico and Yucatan, continuing their work of destruction among corn fields, which were the only hope of warding off famine and misery from that State. It is feared that great distress will prevail among the people of Yucatan during the coming season. A cloud of locusts is said to be fifteen leagues long by ten leagues wide alighted upon farms in the neighborhood of Calixtlá. Within two days all the growing grain in that region had been destroyed.

At Sisal another cloud of locusts, coming from the east, arrived on the third, spreading over the territory for leagues long by one league wide. Although the farmers did their utmost to exterminate them, their efforts met with but little success, every vestige of vegetation, even to the roots of the grass, were being consumed.

The locusts are gradually working their way north, having moved over a hundred miles from the section where they originally appeared. In large portions of Yucatan the earth still swarms with the larvae, millions breeding daily.

### CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

An Inhuman Father at Tonawanda Narrowly Escapes Violence.

BUFFALO, Aug. 12.—A shocking case of cruelty to children has just come to light in Tonawanda. Godfrey Detman, fifty years of age, married a year ago a young woman about twenty-five years of age. Detman had two children by his first wife. To them the stepmother took a strong dislike. Detman is naturally brutal, and was encouraged by his wife to ill-treat the children. It is claimed by the neighbors that he repeatedly struck them senseless to the floor, beat them until the blood gushed from their eyes, nose and mouth, and locked them in a room until they almost starved.

The case was brought to the notice of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and resulted in the children being sent to relatives in Canada. Much excitement is caused by the cruelty of the parents, and threats of violence had been made when the authorities stepped in.

### A SWINDLER CAPTURED.

John Hancock, a Noted Confidence Man Arrested.

St. Louis, Aug. 12.—John Hancock, a gold brick swindler and noted confidence man, has been arrested here. He was trying to work off some gold bullion, which he represented to be worth \$15,000, on a pawnbroker. When arrested \$250 in counterfeit money and receipts for making gold bricks were found on him. In his valise at the Everett House several bars of bogus gold and some \$500 in genuine gold were found. He is believed to be one of the confidence men who worked a \$50,000 job so successfully in Baltimore a short time ago.

### THE STORM IN HUNGARY.

Two Towns Partially Destroyed and Twenty People Killed.

PESTH, Aug. 12.—Later reports regarding the great storm of Sunday show that it was more severe than at first anticipated. In addition to the damage reported in a previous dispatch comes the intelligence that the villages of Zebegony and Orony have been partially demolished. Twenty persons were drowned by the rapidly rising water in the Danube, while a number of barns, outhouses, cattle, horses and other live stock were swept away.

### False Swearing.

DUBLIN, Aug. 12.—Thomas Casey, prisoner in the Mauntraa murder case, who recently made a confession to the effect that he was compelled by Bolton, the Solicitor for the Crown, to swear against Myles Joyce and others charged with that crime, declaring the prisoners innocent, repeated his confession to a reporter of the Freeman's Journal, which it publishes in full, together with an interview with Philip, another of the Crown's witnesses in that case, in which Philip denies the most important part of his testimony was false, and concludes as to his evidence. He was well paid for the part he took in the prosecution.

### The Sunday Law in Keokuk.

KEOKUK, Ia., Aug. 12.—The efforts to enforce the Sunday law here are meeting with poor success. The third case tried against Emil Bechtold has concluded, and the jury found a verdict of not guilty. Bechtold has the refreshment privileges of Grand Park, where thousands of citizens congregate every Sunday. In the first suit the jury disagreed, and the verdict in the second was not guilty. Several more cases are pending.

### Poul Pige Suspected.

L AVERWORTH, Kan., Aug. 12.—Henry Lee, a well known farmer of Platte County, Missouri, was found dead and horribly mauled on the Kansas City, L. & W. Council Bluffs Road, about six miles from this city. Both legs and arms and part of the head had been torn off. It is suspected that the man was murdered and placed on the track.

### Simply Destroyed the Forts.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The Times' Fox Chow correspondent telegraphs that the French Admiral Levesque did not bomb the city of Keokuk, but simply destroyed the forts then retired.

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